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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Helmut W. Kucera Docket No.: IR-2800(NBA)
Serial No.: 09/627,312 Art Unit: 1773
Filed: July 27, 2000 Examiner: Monique R. Jackson
For: "Two-Part Aqueous Metal Protection Treatment"

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated Aug. 19, 2004, a petition for extension of time for 1 month, and fee authorization accompanies this reply. Applicants present amendments canceling claims and placing others in condition for allowance. No new issues are raised.

Claim Status

Originally filed claims 1 and 3-48 were pending.

Claim 2 is canceled.

Claims 11, and 12, rejected, are amended to correct dependencies.

Claims 29 and 47 are canceled below in response to an objection.

Applicants believe that claims 3 and 30 do further limit claims 1 and 27, respectively, in that the term in claims 1, and 27 is "organic coating forming component". This term "component" encompasses more than "compounds"